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1. Air Unitsa. 6th Ftr Div in BOSHURISTE (B 1/L 28)

16th Ftr Regt in BOSHURISTE

26th Ftr Regt in KARLOVO (B 2/A 55)

36th Ftr Regt in BALCHIK (B 6/K 32) until 1946

b. 2d GA Div in PLOVDIV (B 12/A 40)

12th GA Regt in PLOVDIV

22d GA Regt in GORNA OREKHOVITSA (B 3/N 39)

32d GA Regt in DOLNA MITROPOLIA (B 2/D 34) until 1946

c. 5th Bmr Div in PLOVDIV

15th Bmr Regt in GRAF IGNATIEVO (B 12/A 41)

25th Bmr Regt in DOBRICH (R 53/54/K 04), with a torpedo bomber unit in BALCHIK.

2. The 32d, 35th, and 26th Regts, were only cadre units and practically non-existent even before their deactivation.
3. The 32d GA Regt, deactivated in 1946, was erroneously reported to be stationed at the airfield of GORNA OREKHOVITSA. The 22d GA Regt, however, reportedly located at the PLOVDIV field, was actually stationed in GORNA OREKHOVITSA.
4. The 25th Bmr Regt was last observed in DOBRICH in May 1948. Part of this regiment was trained at the BALCHIK field with Soviet "Tupolev" bombers in the summer of 1946 under conditions of strict secrecy. It was assumed, therefore, that the former 25th Bmr Regt had been replaced by the 25th Torpedo Bmr Regt. [redacted] officer of Hq 5th Bmr Div stated that part of the personnel of the 25th Regt had formed a torpedo bomber unit within the framework of this regiment in April 1948.

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5. The German fighter units used improvised airfields along the Struma River during the war, all of which were abandoned after the war.
6. The navigational installations at Bulgarian airfields are of German origin or built under license. Adcock DF stations (adkokov zasetchnik) were at the TELISE (B 2/G 12) and BOYNUISIE airfields.

25X1 Comment:

Supplements a previous report.
The report cannot be verified for lack of comparable information. The data on locations of the individual air units is new. According to previous statements Bulgarian Air Force is composed of the following units:

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Two fighter regiments of two squadrons each
Two ground attack regiments of two squadrons each
Two bomber regiments of two squadrons each, with a torpedo bomber unit.

No information is available on the number of aircraft assigned to the individual regiments.

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